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SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

To Botanical Gardens and Strawberry Canyon—A warm day with a clear sky greeted the 18 members and guests who came out on June 24 for the walk through the gardens and the canyon. We heard many bird songs and calls along the paths which provided some interesting problems in identification. Swainson's Thrush sang from the heavy brush along the canyon floor. Western Wood Pewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Black-headed Grosbeak called from the tree tops. Many Purple Finch, House Finch, and American and Lesser Goldfinch were also seen in the area. Allen's and Anna's Hummingbirds were active where fuchsias and tobacco plants were in bloom. 37 species were noted.—

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Leader and Historian*

To Golden Gate Park and Cliff House—On Saturday, July 29, twenty-eight persons met at the entrance of Sutro Heights Park. Moderate westerly winds, a wet fog, and temperature around 60 did not keep the group from thoroughly enjoying the song of the Winter Wren in the Park. A view of the Seal Rocks through the plate glass windows of the Music Museum, near the Cliff House, afforded a most comfortable view of the Surfbirds, Black Turnstones, and Wandering Tattlers that had recently returned, in addition to the Pigeon Guillemots and other birds of special interest to be seen in this area. The trip terminated in the Fuchsia Gardens where the Screech Owl made its appearance for all to observe. Thirty-six species of birds were identified.—ROBERTA LONG, *Leader-Historian*

NEW MEETING PLACE

The San Francisco meeting place of the Golden Gate Audubon Society has been changed to the Unitarian Church on Geary Street just one block off Van Ness Avenue. This building, widely used by community and educational groups, offers a central location easily reached by public transportation and has ample parking space for those who come in private cars.

FIELD NOTE—50 Whimbrels were observed at Ocean Beach, San Francisco on July 9, and 17 were there on July 15.—*Joan Mayerle*

HAWAII: ISLAND OF FLOWERS—The list of plant groups from which the native Hawaiian flora has descended shows large gaps when compared to the list of all the world's plant groups. The missing groups are the ones which did not succeed in getting an ancestral member across the seas to the islands. — —

But even the travels of the orginal ancestors may not be the most interesting part of the story of Hawaii's native plants. Although some 272 ancestral floral kinds made successful landings without man's help, by the time the scientists got around to counting and classifying the island species, about a hundred years ago, it was found there were at least 1,792 different kinds. About 94% are plants not found elsewhere in the world. These are the true native or endemic species which came into existence right here. This percentage of endemism is the highest known anywhere.

It is, of course, the result of the islands' isolation.—Where every plant in a small group is the descendant of a single individual, inbreeding encourages any new or differing tendencies the individual may have possessed. And through the selective influence of environment new species are more easily developed.—From*Hawaiian Flowers & Flowering Trees: A Guide to Tropical & Semi-tropical Flowers* by Loraine E. Kuck and Richard C. Tongg.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The 521st meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on September 14, 1961, in San Francisco, at a *new* location, the First Unitarian Church, Southwest corner of Geary and Franklin Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Mrs. Gladys Smith, a just retired vice-president of our Society. She has entitled her talk, "The Ins and Outs of Audubon", and stresses our Conservation and Educational Programs with special emphasis on the Sanctuary Program. Her talk will be illustrated with colored slides.

Use No. 38 bus on Geary Street, which runs to the Eastbay terminal in San Francisco.

A no-host dinner at six o'clock will precede the meeting, at Tommy's Joynt, corner of Van Ness and Franklin Streets, one block from the meeting place.

It is hoped that this more convenient meeting place will attract members from both San Francisco and the East Bay, who were not able to attend when meetings were held at the Junior Museum where the transportation was poor.—MABEL EARLE, *Program Chairman*

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Miss Joy L. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Brower, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Felt, Miss Lorraine Tauber, Miss Edith S. Whitin; from Oakland, Miss Helen L. Gilliam, Mrs. I. Wishart; from Orinda, Mrs. Milton L. Selby; from San Francisco, Mrs. John Brass, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jackman, Mr. P. E. Jewell, Mrs. R. C. Straight, Mrs. G. L. Wight, and Mr. Thomas B. Williamson.—ROBERTA LONG, *Membership Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 16, to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Meet at 8th Avenue and Fulton Street, at 9 A.M. The park is well known for its early fall migration of warblers. Yellow, Townsend's, Mac Gillivray's and Wilson's Warblers were seen on previous trips. Last year at this time, an Osprey and three Red-tailed Hawks appeared over the park. The Arboretum, Stow Lake, and the chain of lakes will be visited. If there is time the trip may be topped off with a trip to the Cliff House. Leader, Mrs. Lewis K. Land, BA 1-7707.

On Tuesday, September 19, to Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Meet at 43rd Avenue and Fulton Street, at 9 a.m. Birding will start at the chain of lakes and proceed to other areas as the group desires. At this time of year there is usually an early fall migration of Warblers. Our leader makes frequent visits to this area so may be prepared to point out some unusual birds. Leader, Florence Plymell, Prospect 6-1208.

On Saturday, September 23, to Bay Farm Island and Alameda. This date is probably at the peek of the fall migration of shore birds. A tour will be made of the spots most likely to produce the best birding, such as, Frontage Road in Oakland, San Leandro Creek in the vicinity of Hegenberger Road, Mecartney Drive and the west shore. Meet at 9 a.m. at entrance to Lincoln Park, High Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Take bus no. 51 from Berkeley or Oakland, Bus D from San Francisco. Bring binoculars, telescopes, interested friends, and lunch if you plan to stay through the period of maximum movement of birds. Leader, Harold G. Peterson, LO 8-7534.

On Sunday, October 1, to Dr. William L. Bender's ranch in Sonoma County. Our group has been invited to spend the day on this ranch to observe birds and other nature subjects. Wooded slopes covered with oaks, shrubs, and conifers, open grass lands, and creek are all here. A two mile hike is planned. Meet at 9 a.m., at the junction of Highway 12 (Santa Rosa and Sonoma) and Trinity Road. This is 5 miles west of Boyes Springs or 2½ miles east of Kenwood coming from Santa Rosa. From here the group will caravan 8 miles over a mountain road to the ranch. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescopes, and interested friends. The host will furnish coffee. Leader, Miss Patricia Triggs, BE 3-5592.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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